



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Addabbo-Pheffer Amato bill extending Breezy Point work permits signed into law

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State bills introduced by Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. and Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato, were approved by the Governor on July 3, 2019, as Chapter 83 of New York State Law. The law authorizes an additional two-year extension to Chapter 100 of the Laws of 2013 providing exemptions directed at Breezy Point work permits for resiliency and recovery in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

“Thousands of residents have been subjected to delays under Rapid Repair, Build It Back, and other programs at the City level, creating an urgency for us to provide residents with at least two more years to rebuild with relief from red tape,” Addabbo said. “I am confident that Breezy Point neighborhoods will now be able to complete the rebuild process and return to living in structurally sound homes as a result of this new law. The fact that we needed to introduce and pass an extender bill yet again shows the magnitude of the devastation Sandy brought to our constituents in Breezy Point.”

Nearly seven years after Hurricane Sandy made landfall, many Breezy Point constituents are still trying tirelessly to rebuild their lives and their homes in the community they love. While the storm wreaked havoc throughout my Senate district and elsewhere, this neighborhood was devastated beyond imagination.

“With the recent approval of Chapter 83, we are ensuring the people of Breezy Point can continue to move forward and succeed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, while sparing them additional frustration and expense in dealing with City bureaucracy,” said Addabbo.

“With the passage of this bill extension we are helping the people of Breezy Point to continue to go forward and succeed in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and to spare them the frustration and expense of reinventing the wheel when it comes to dealing with City bureaucracy,” Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato said. “I appreciate my colleagues in both houses for understanding that my neighbors deserve to live in structurally sound homes and that that they deserve every chance to rebuild. This law will make a huge difference for Breezy Point families, seniors, laborers and the overall community.”

The law takes effect immediately and extends to July 3, 2021.